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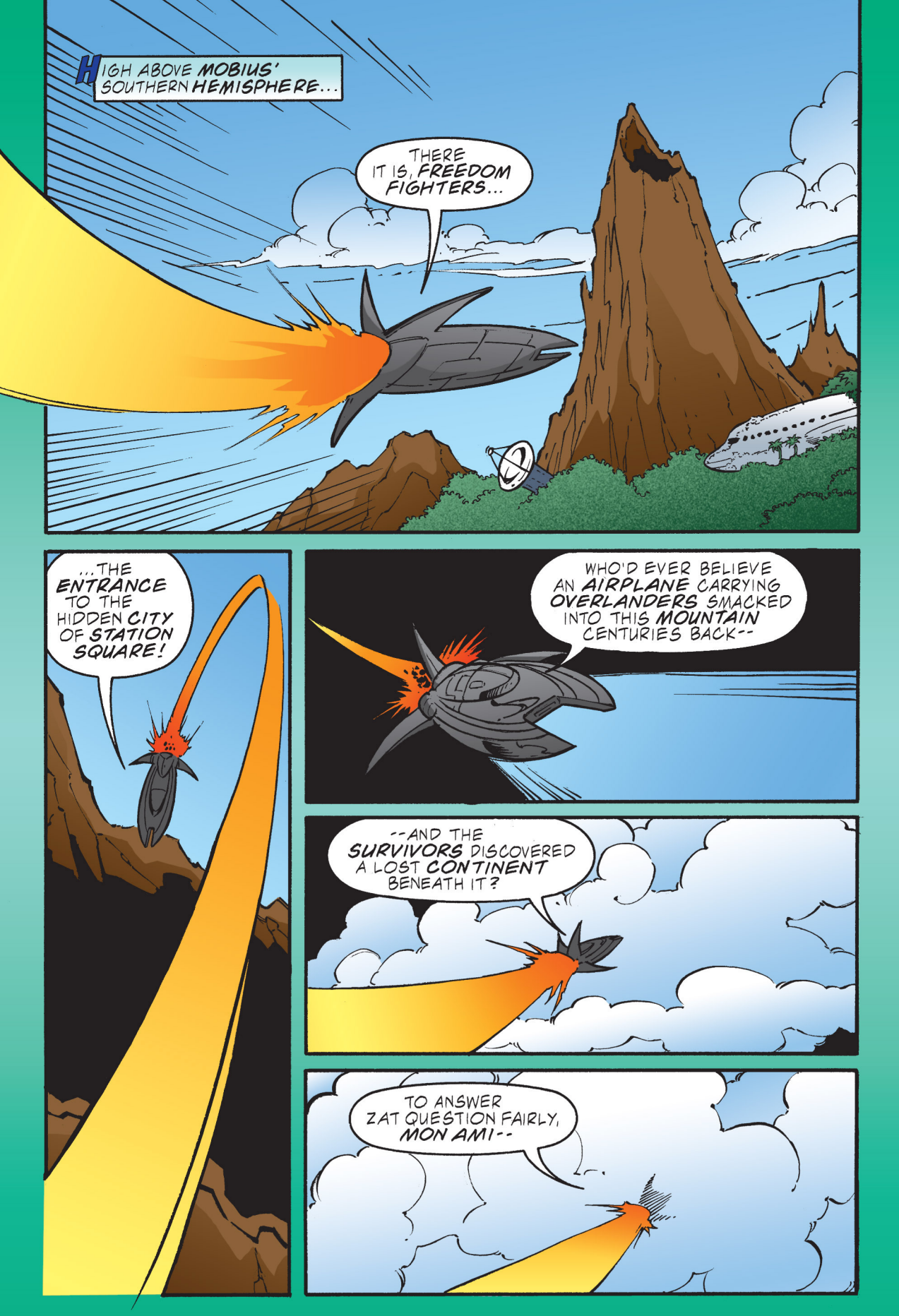
HIGH ABOVE MOBIUS' SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE...
THERE IT IS, FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
...THE ENTRANCE TO THE HIDDEN CITY OF STATION SQUARE!
WHO'D EVER BELIEVE AN AIRPLANE CARRYING OVERLANDERS SMACKED INTO THIS MOUNTAIN CENTURIES BACK--
--AND THE SURVIVORS DISCOVERED A LOST CONTINENT BENEATH IT?
TO ANSWER ZAT QUESTION FAIRLY, MON AMI--

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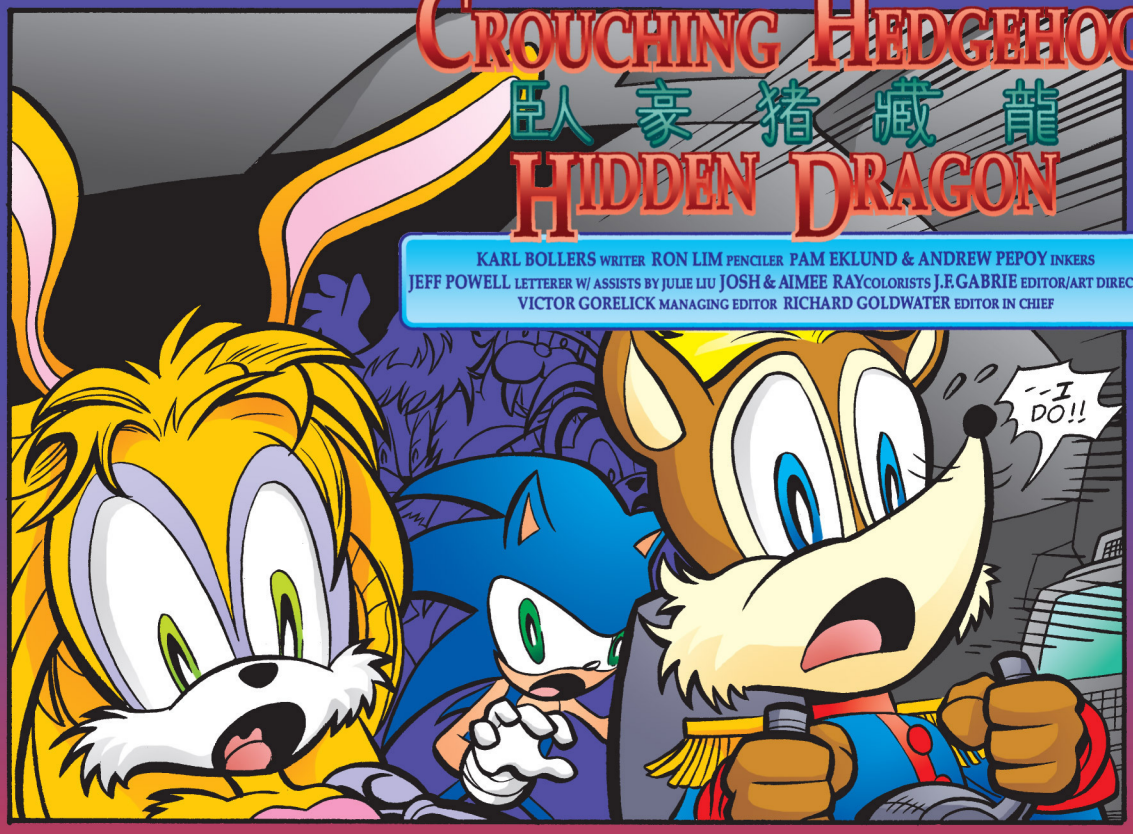

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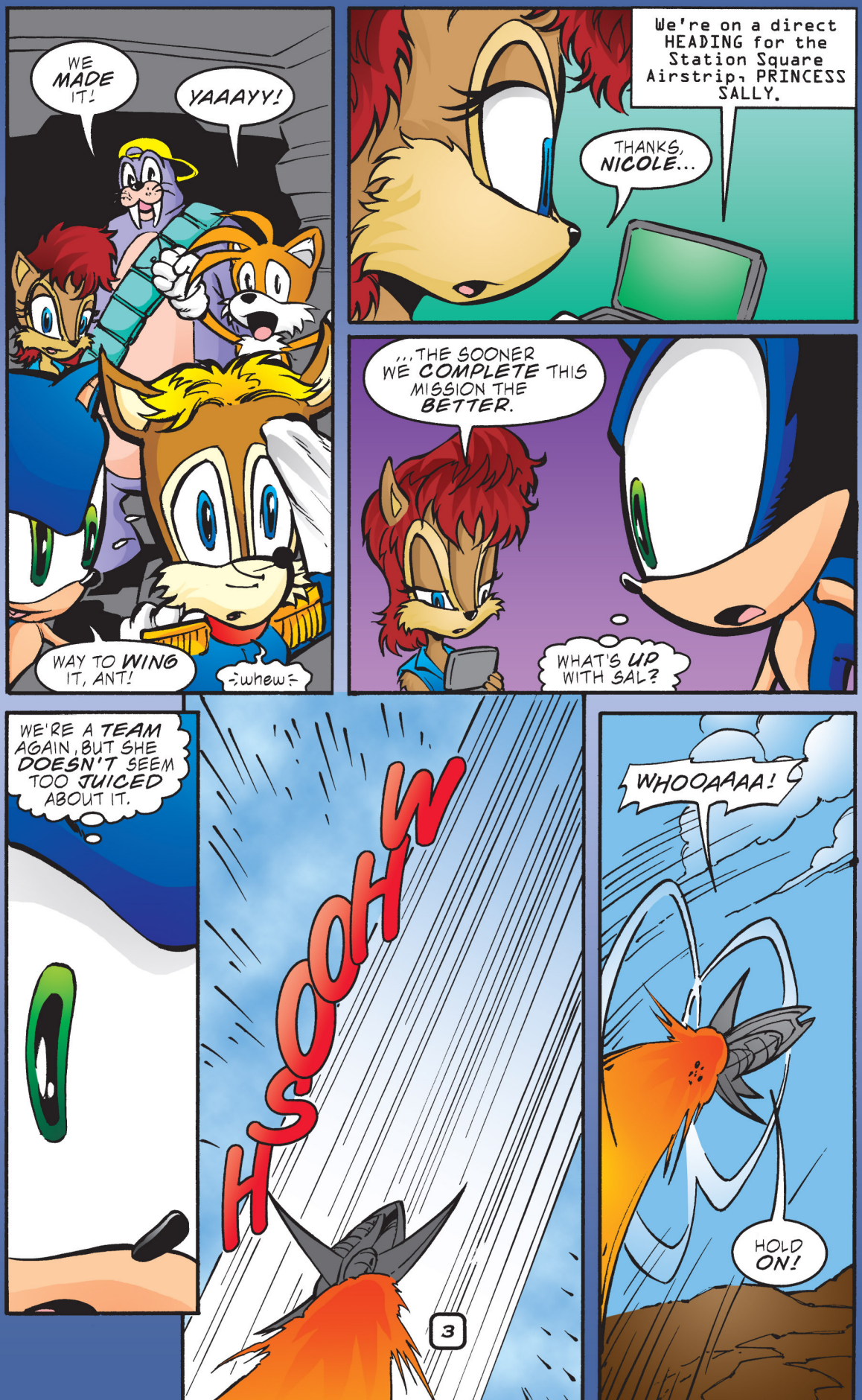
WE MADE IT!
YAAAYY!
WAY TO WING IT, ANT!
-:whew:-
We're on a direct HEADING for the Station Square Airstrip, PRINCESS SALLY.
THANKS, NICOLE...
...THE SOONER WE COMPLETE THIS MISSION THE BETTER.
WHAT'S UP WITH SAL?
WE'RE A TEAM AGAIN, BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM TOO JUICED ABOUT IT.
HSOOHW
WHOOAAAA!
HOLD ON!
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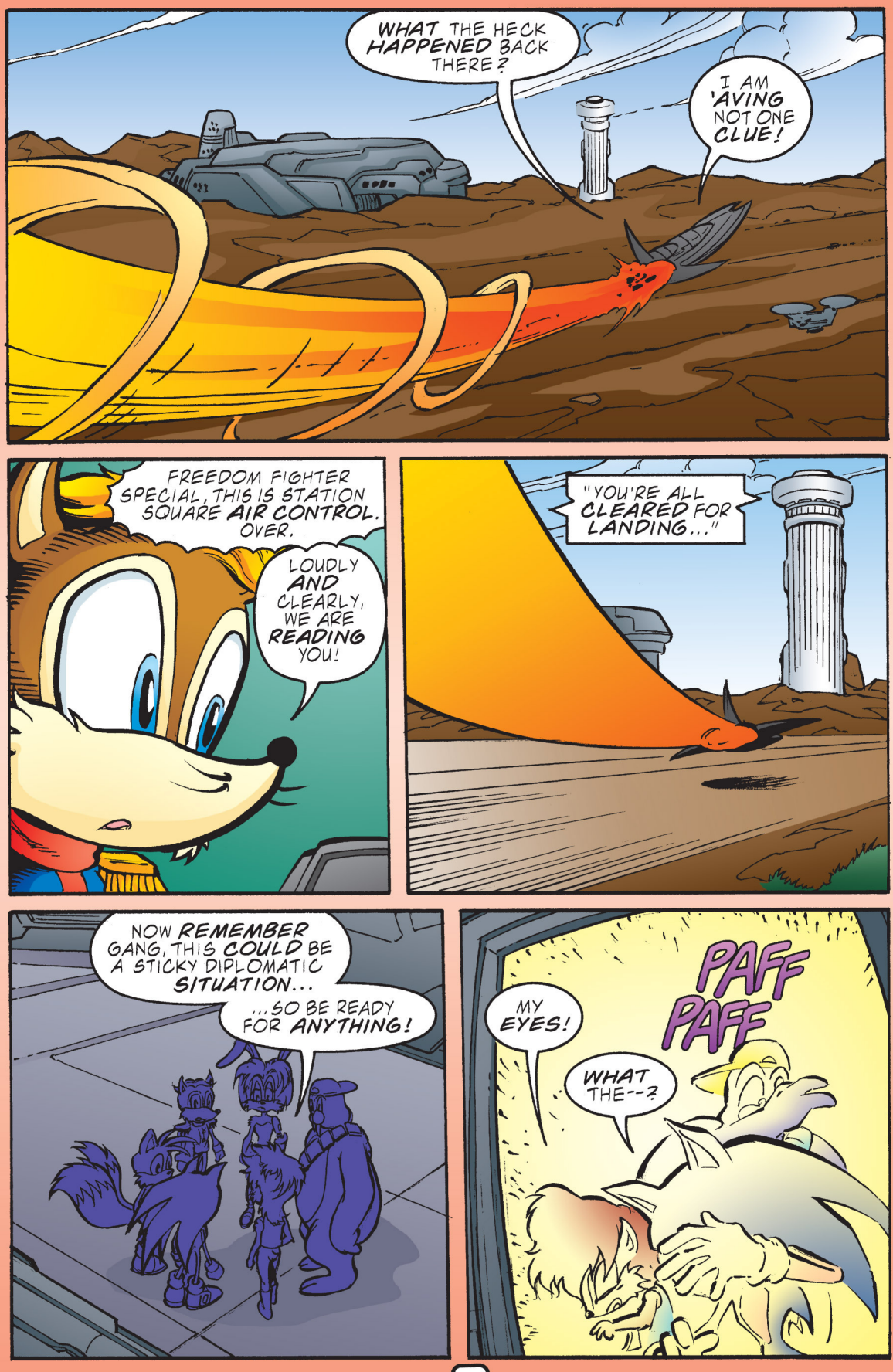
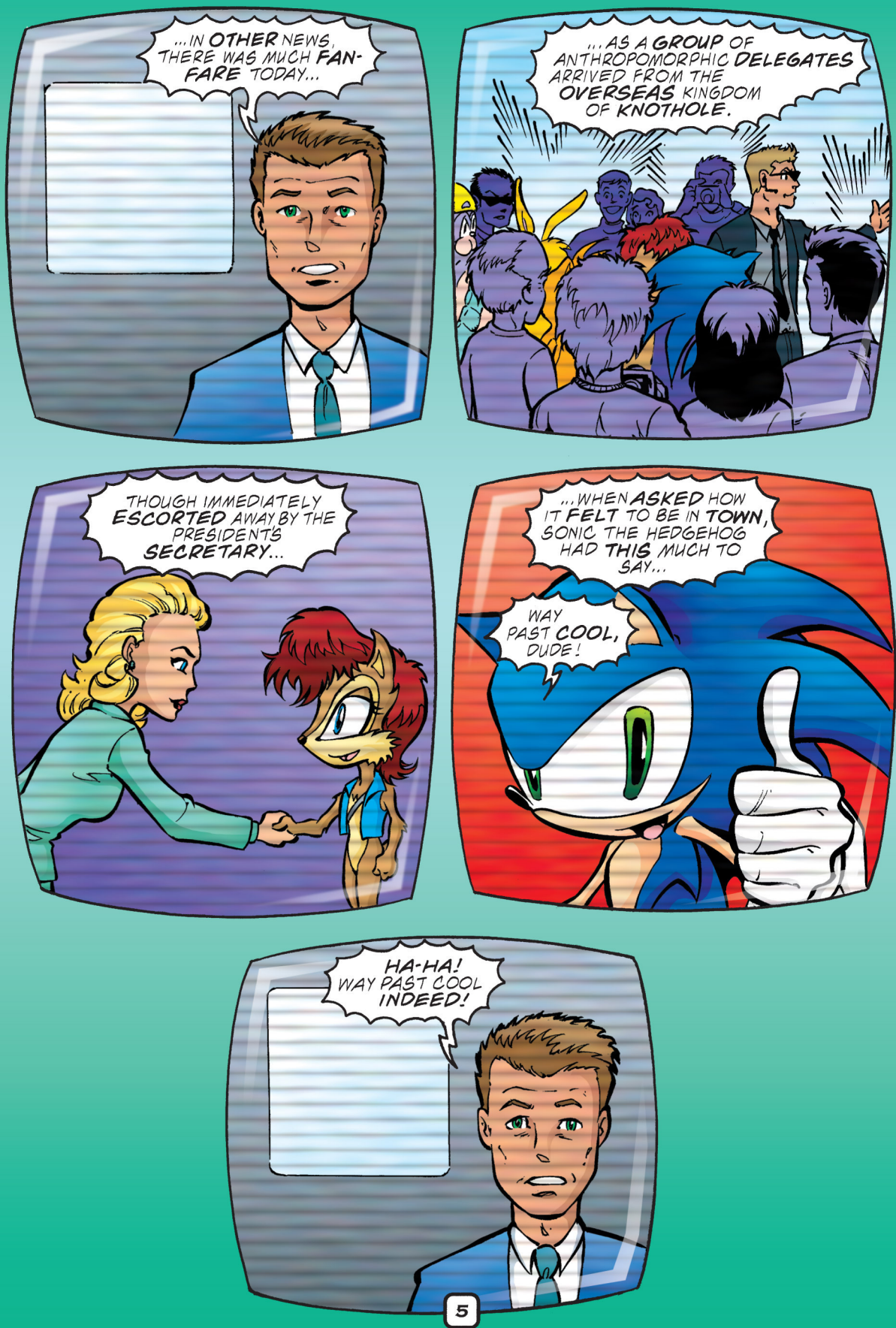
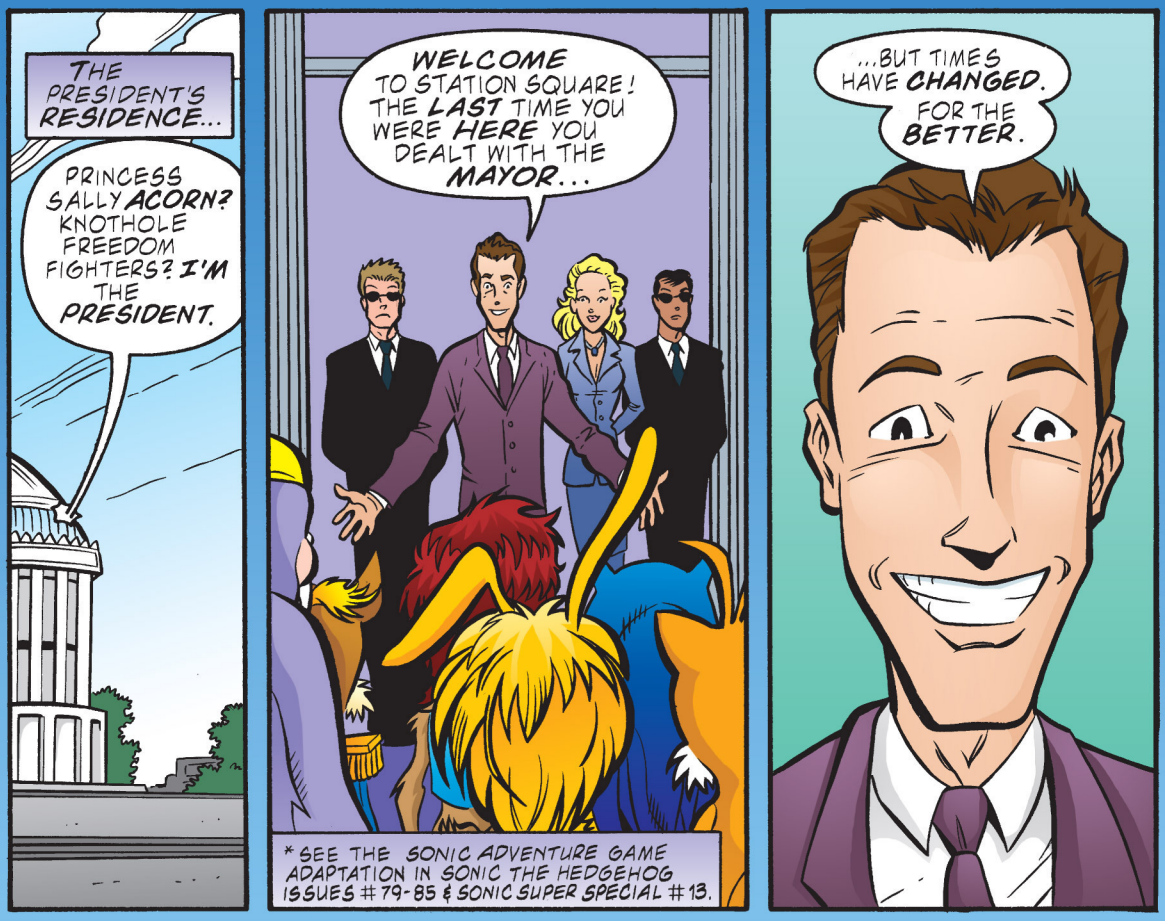
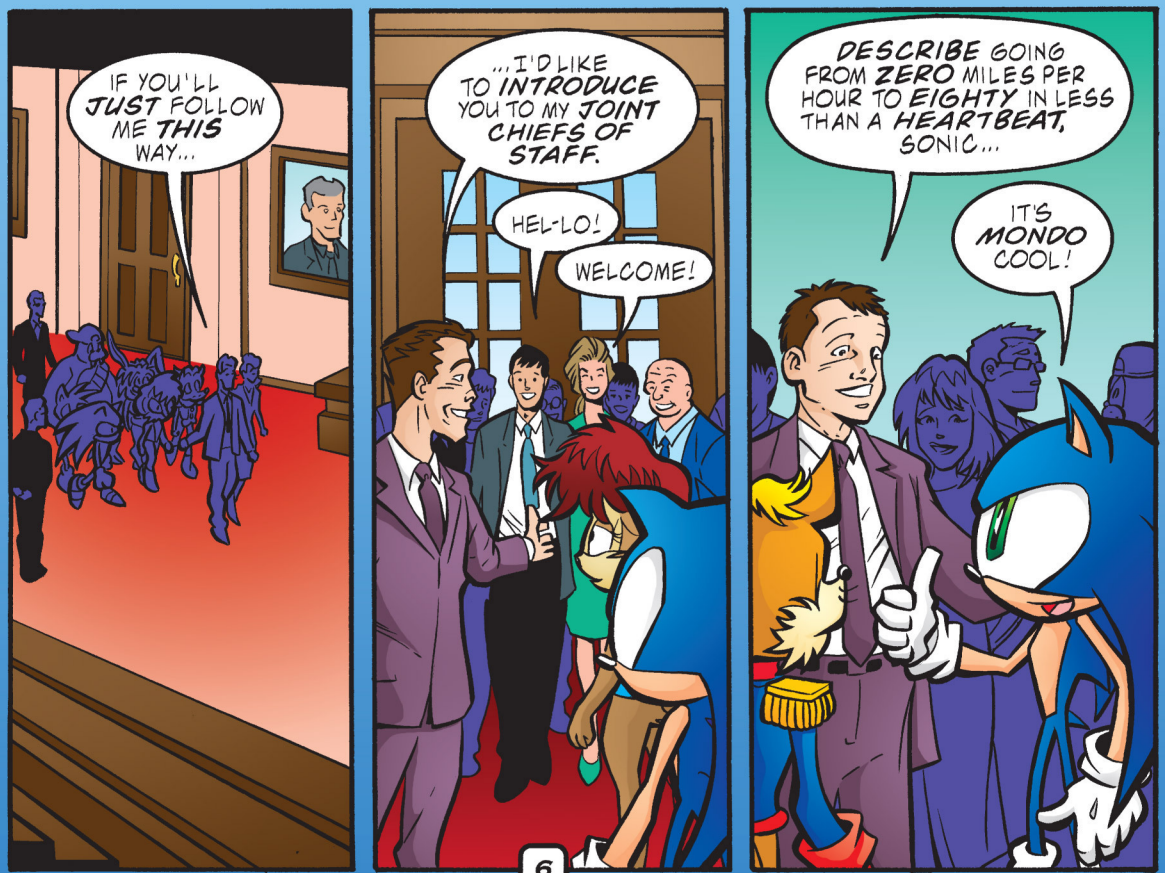
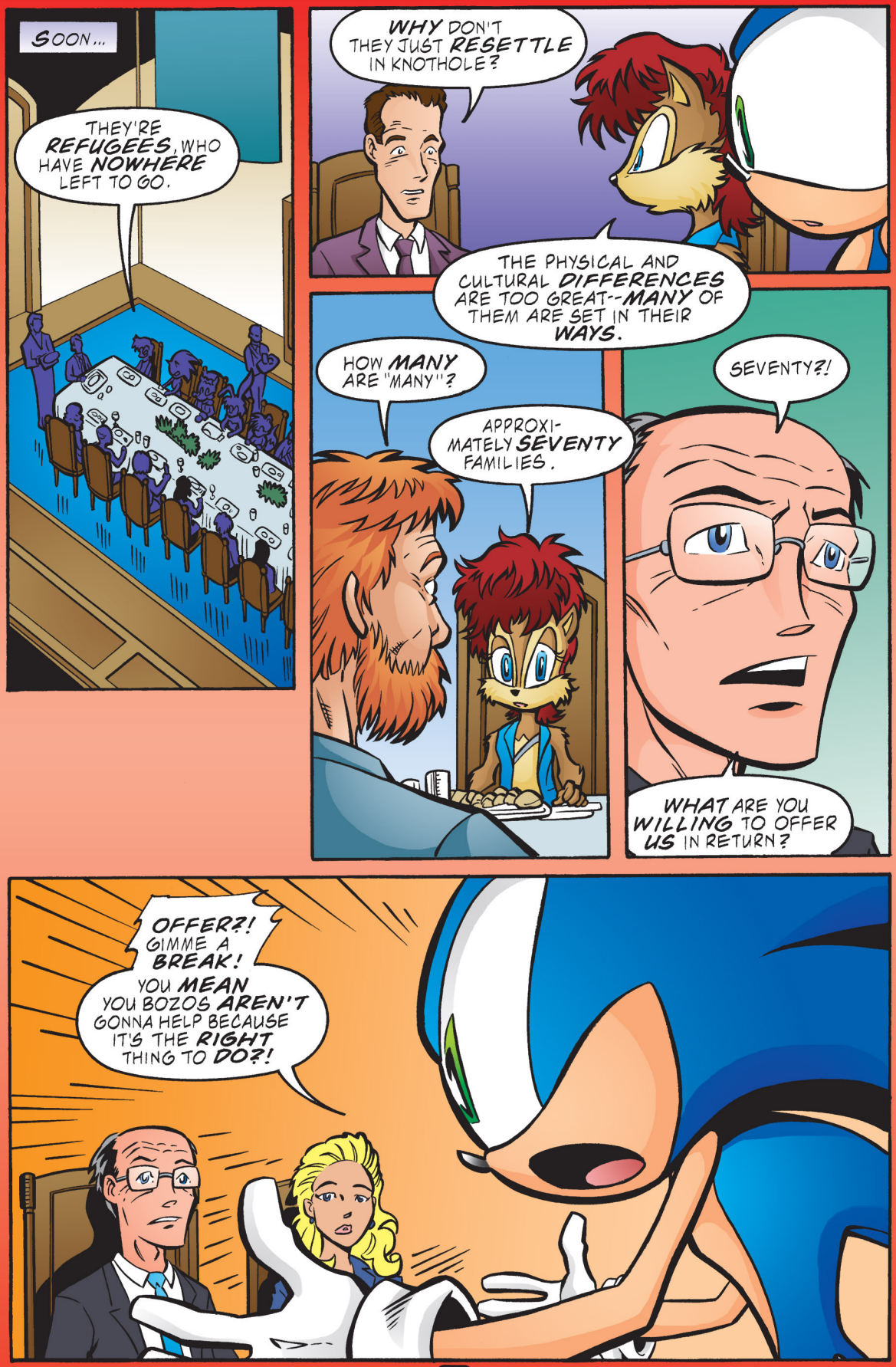
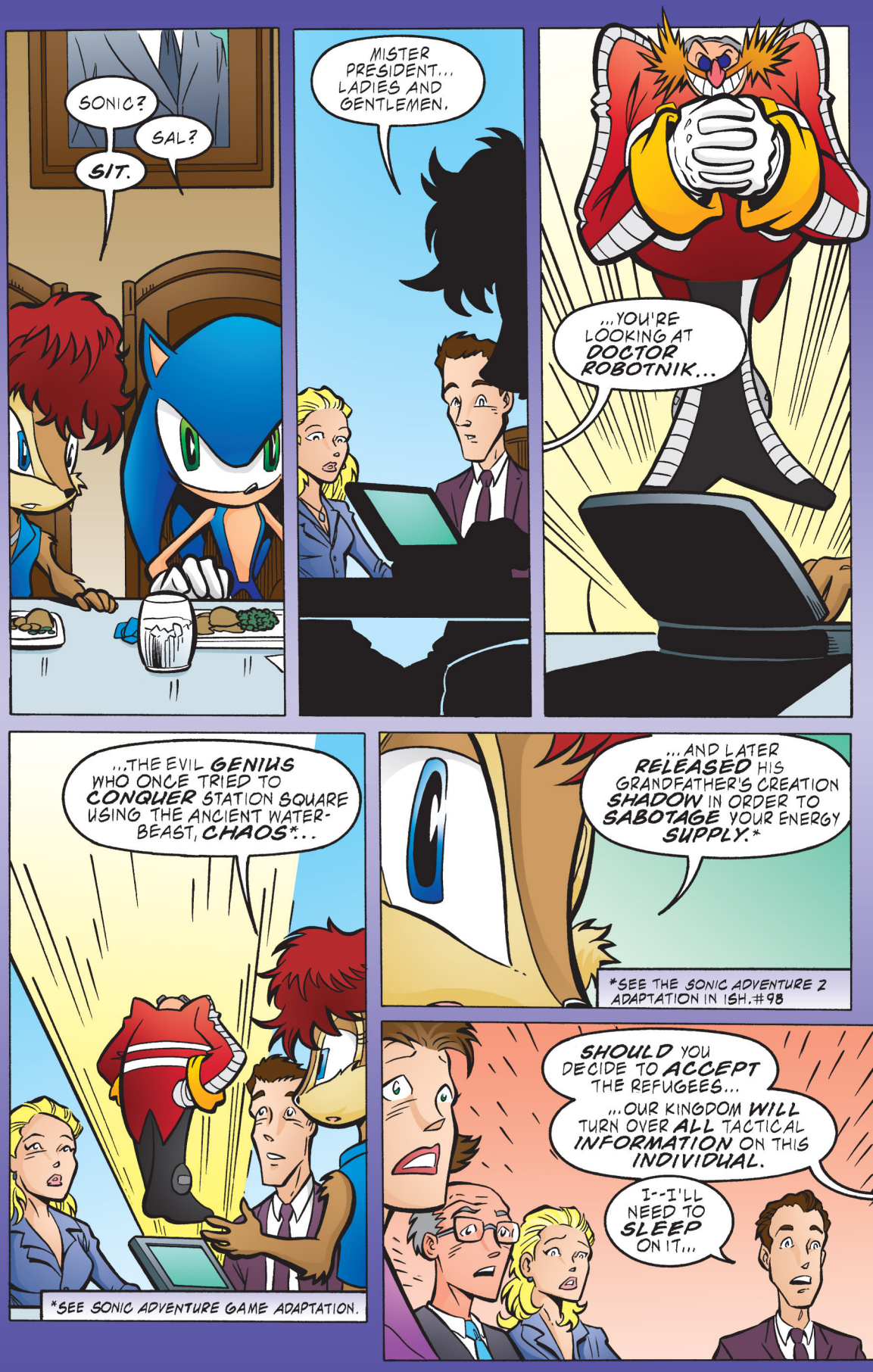

WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED BACK THERE?
I AM 'AVING NOT ONE CLUE!
FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL, THIS IS STATION SQUARE AIR CONTROL. OVER.
LOUDLY AND CLEARLY, WE ARE READING YOU!
"YOU'RE ALL CLEARED FOR LANDING..."
NOW REMEMBER GANG, THIS COULD BE A STICKY DIPLOMATIC SITUATION...
...SO BE READY FOR ANYTHING!
PAFF PAFF
MY EYES!
WHAT THE--?

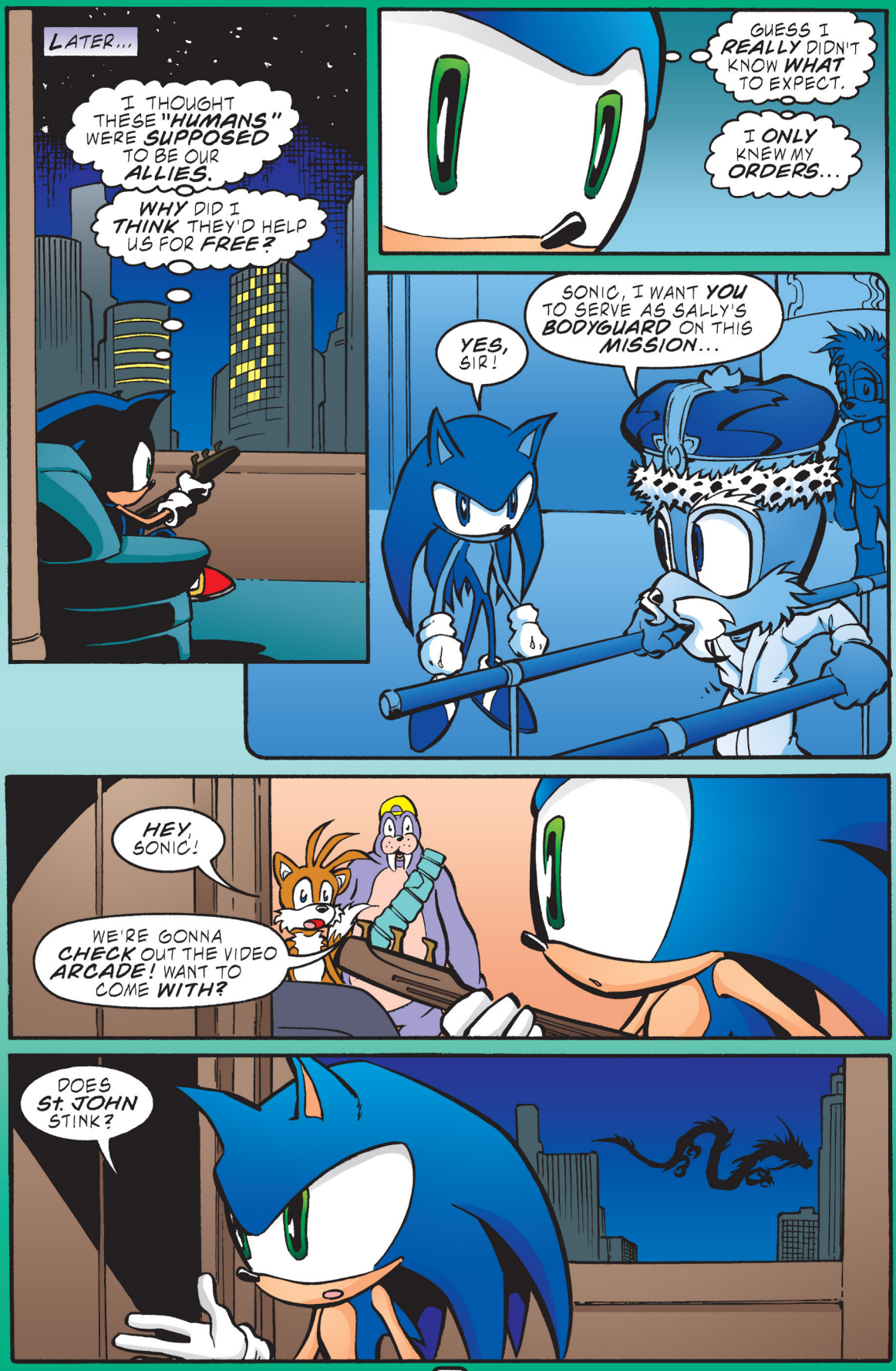

...IN OTHER NEWS, THERE WAS MUCH FAN-FARE TODAY...
...AS A GROUP OF ANTHROPOMORPHIC DELEGATES ARRIVED FROM THE OVERSEAS KINGDOM OF KNOTHOLE.
THOUGH IMMEDIATELY ESCORTED AWAY BY THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY...
...WHEN ASKED HOW IT FELT TO BE IN TOWN, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAD THIS MUCH TO SAY...
WAY PAST COOL, DUDE!
HA-HA! WAY PAST COOL INDEED!

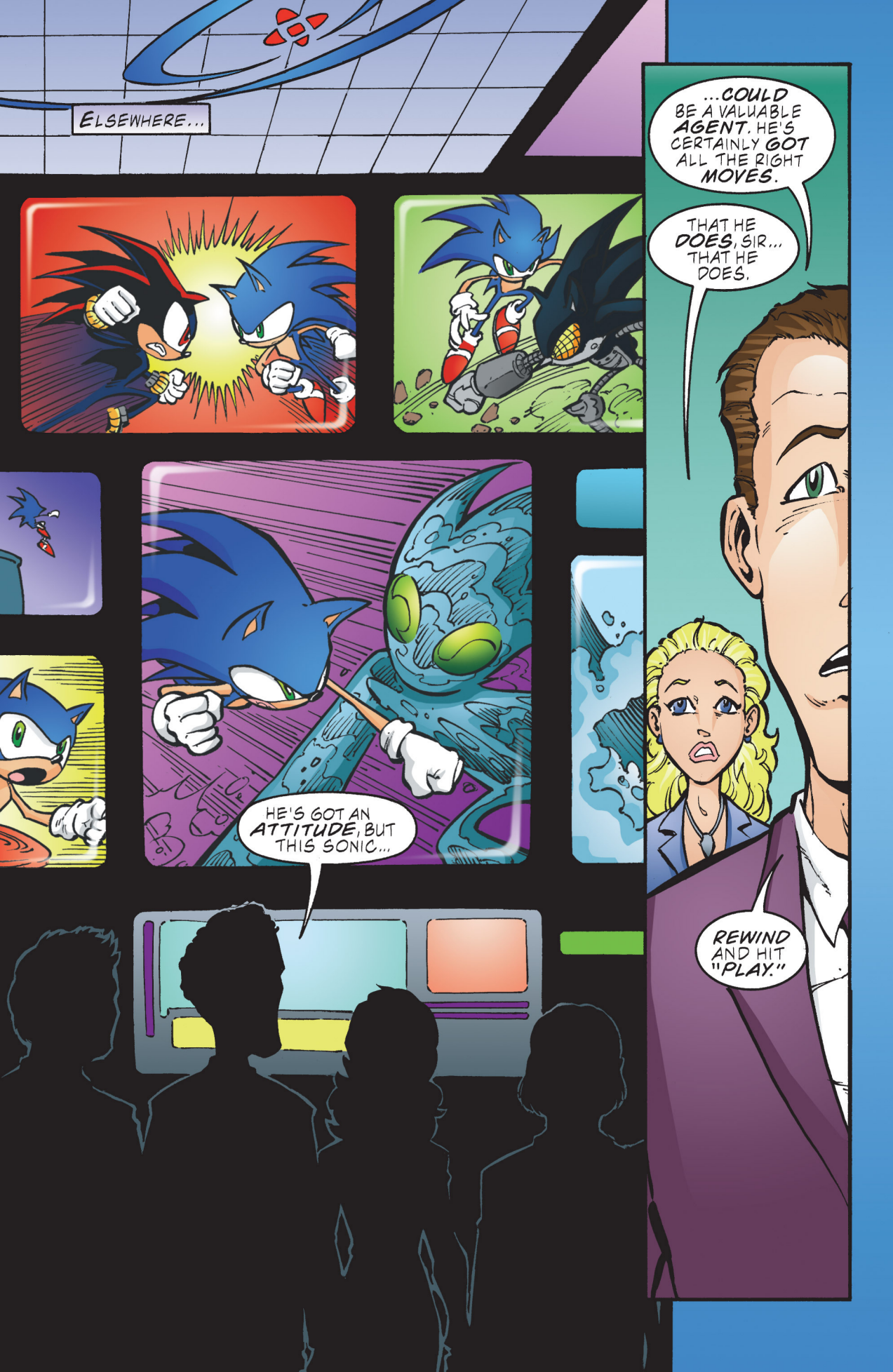

THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE...
PRINCESS SALLY ACORN? KNOTHOLE FREEDOM FIGHTERS? I'M THE PRESIDENT.
WELCOME TO STATION SQUARE! THE LAST TIME YOU WERE HERE YOU DEALT WITH THE MAYOR...
*SEE THE SONIC ADVENTURE GAME ADAPTATION IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ISSUES #79-85 & SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13.
...BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED. FOR THE BETTER.


IF YOU'LL JUST FOLLOW ME THIS WAY...
...I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.
HEL-LO!
WELCOME!
DESCRIBE GOING FROM ZERO MILES PER HOUR TO EIGHTY IN LESS THAN A HEARTBEAT, SONIC...
IT'S MONDO COOL!

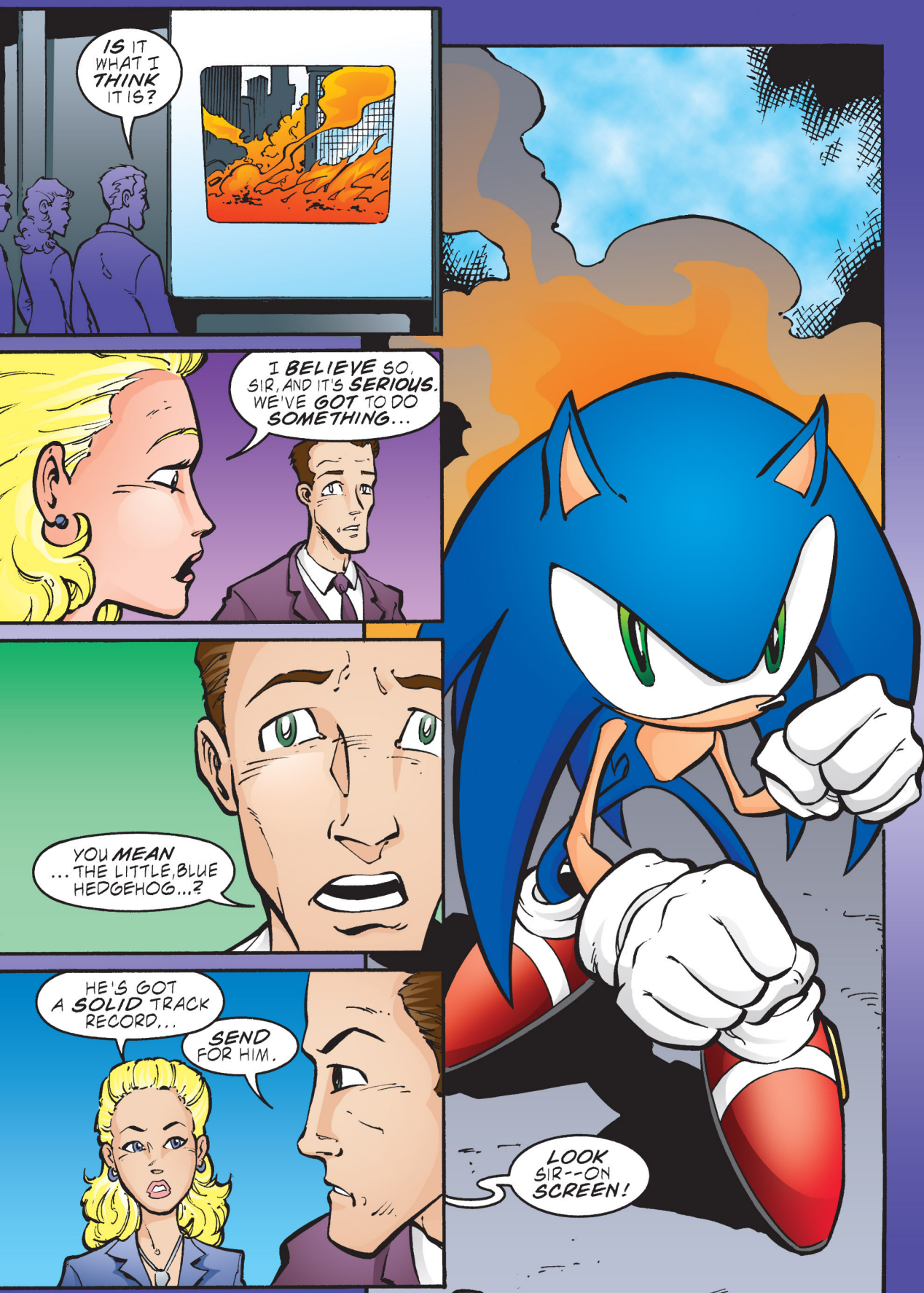

SOON...
THEY'RE REFUGEES, WHO HAVE NOWHERE LEFT TO GO.
WHY DON'T THEY JUST RESETTLE IN KNOTHOLE?
THE PHYSICAL AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES ARE TOO GREAT--MANY OF THEM ARE SET IN THEIR WAYS.
HOW MANY ARE "MANY"?
APPROXI-MATELY SEVENTY FAMILIES.
SEVENTY?!
WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO OFFER US IN RETURN?
OFFER?! GIMME A BREAK! YOU MEAN YOU BOZOS AREN'T GONNA HELP BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO?!


SONIC?
SAL?
SIT.
MISTER PRESIDENT... LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
...YOU'RE LOOKING AT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
...THE EVIL GENIUS WHO ONCE TRIED TO CONQUER STATION SQUARE USING THE ANCIENT WATER-BEAST, CHAOS*...
*SEE SONIC ADVENTURE GAME ADAPTATION.
...AND LATER RELEASED HIS GRANDFATHER'S CREATION SHADOW IN ORDER TO SABOTAGE YOUR ENERGY SUPPLY.*
*SEE THE SONIC ADVENTURE 2 ADAPTATION IN ISH.#98
SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO ACCEPT THE REFUGEES...
...OUR KINGDOM WILL TURN OVER ALL TACTICAL INFORMATION ON THIS INDIVIDUAL.
I--I'LL NEED TO SLEEP ON IT...


LATER...
I THOUGHT THESE "HUMANS" WERE SUPPOSED TO BE OUR ALLIES.
WHY DID I THINK THEY'D HELP US FOR FREE?
GUESS I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.
I ONLY KNEW MY ORDERS...
SONIC, I WANT YOU TO SERVE AS SALLY'S BODYGUARD ON THIS MISSION...
YES, SIR!
HEY, SONIC!
WE'RE GONNA CHECK OUT THE VIDEO ARCADE! WANT TO COME WITH?
DOES St. JOHN STINK?


ELSEWHERE...
...COULD BE A VALUABLE AGENT. HE'S CERTAINLY GOT ALL THE RIGHT MOVES.
THAT HE DOES, SIR... THAT HE DOES.
HE'S GOT AN ATTITUDE, BUT THIS SONIC...
REWIND AND HIT "PLAY."

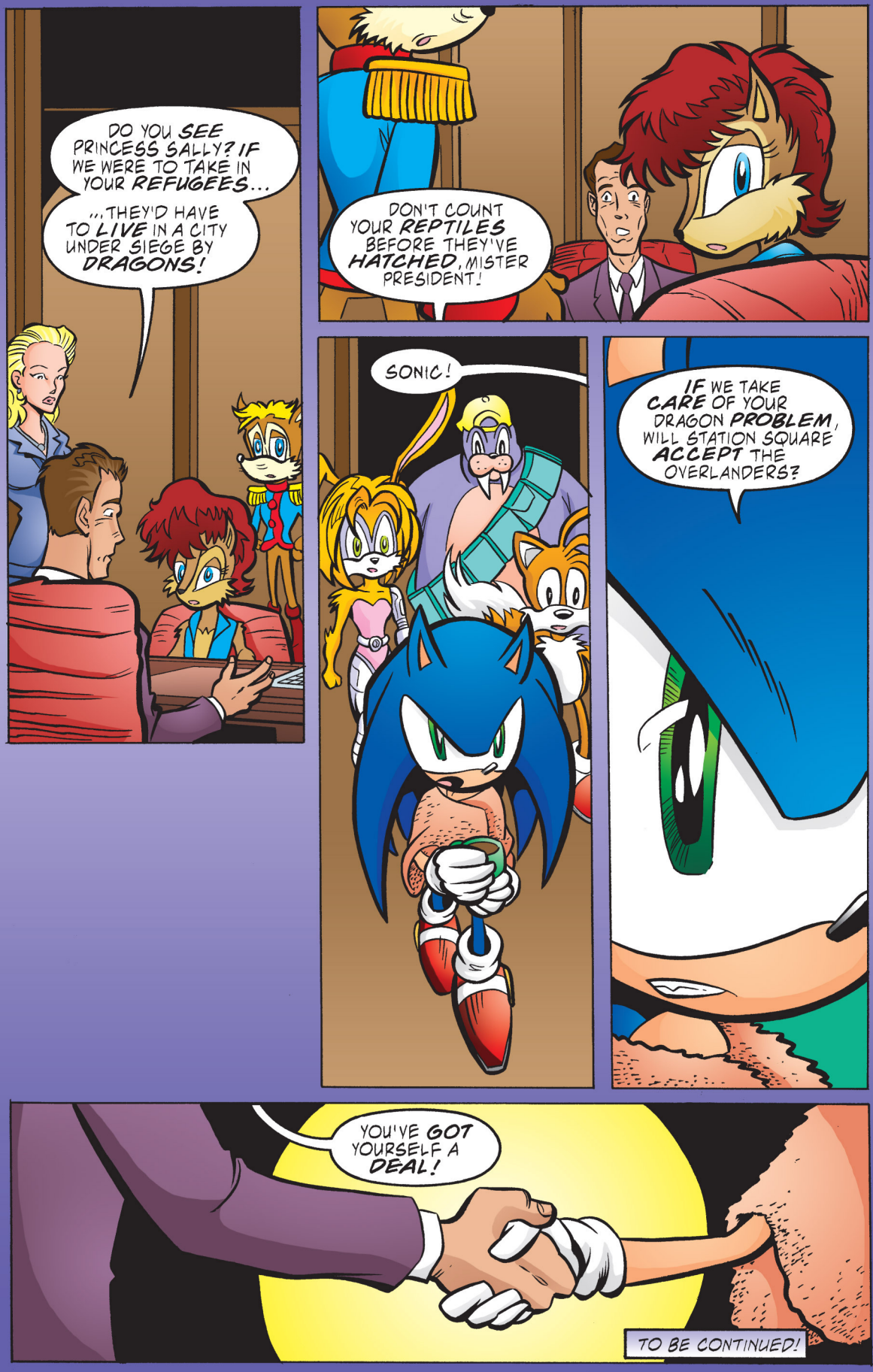
MEANWHILE...
OH NO--!
LOOK OUT! IT'S GOING TO--
FWOOSH
ATTACK! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
THOOM
THOOM
W-WHAT IS IT?


IS IT WHAT I THINK IT IS?
I BELIEVE SO, SIR, AND IT'S SERIOUS. WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING...
YOU MEAN ...THE LITTLE, BLUE HEDGEHOG...?
HE'S GOT A SOLID TRACK RECORD...
SEND FOR HIM.
LOOK SIR--ON SCREEN!

"HE'S ALREADY THERE!"
CHILL OUT, "SCALE-FACE!"
NEWS

MISTER PRESIDENT! PLEASE EXCUSE SONIC'S RASH BEHAVIOR HE--
NONSENSE, PRINCESS!
I'M QUITE GRATEFUL ACTUALLY. YOU THINK HE'S GOT A CHANCE AGAINST THAT THING?
"WE'RE WORKING ON IT..."
WHOA!
FWOOOOSH
SAY IT, DON'T SPRAY IT!
UGHH!
KRAK

OUCH!
OUCH!
WHUMP
WHUMP
FWOOOOSH
UH-OH! I'VE GOT A FEELING THINGS ARE ABOUT TO HEAT UP AGAIN!
TIME FOR ME TO GET OUTTA THE FIRE...
ZIP
...AND INTO THE FRYING PAN!
FWIP
FWIP
SONIC!
SPLOOOSH


DO YOU SEE PRINCESS SALLY? IF WE WERE TO TAKE IN YOUR REFUGEES...
...THEY'D HAVE TO LIVE IN A CITY UNDER SIEGE BY DRAGONS!
DON'T COUNT YOUR REPTILES BEFORE THEY'VE HATCHED, MISTER PRESIDENT!
SONIC!
IF WE TAKE CARE OF YOUR DRAGON PROBLEM, WILL STATION SQUARE ACCEPT THE OVERLANDERS?
YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A DEAL!
TO BE CONTINUED!

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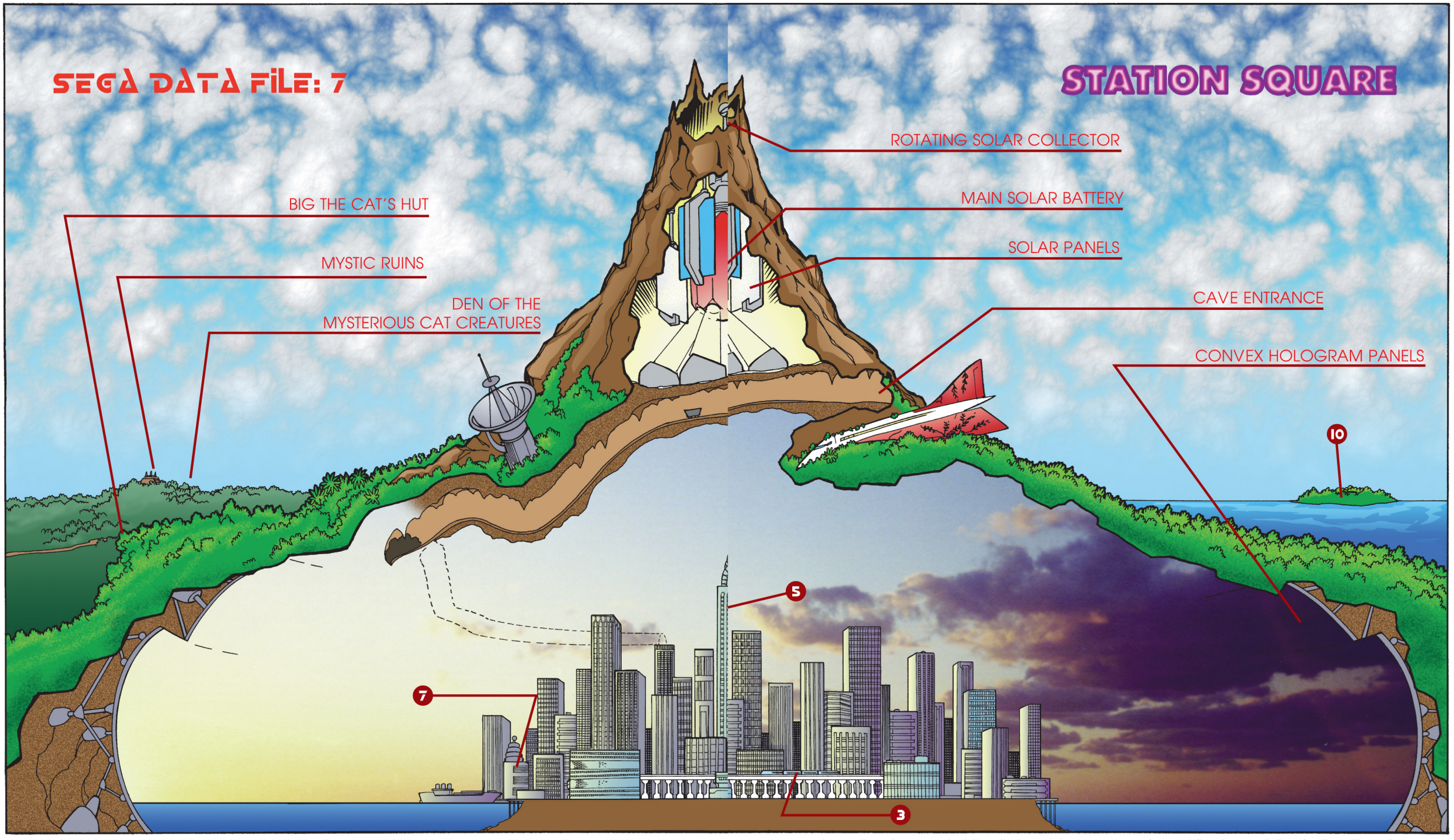
STATION SQUARE



FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #80, March 2000
ESTABLISHED: Unknown, though some evidence has surfaced indicating it dates back at least 500 years, if not more
LOCATION: Deep beneath a continent located within the southern hemisphere of Mobius
SURFACE SIZE: 139.92 sq. metrons
HIGHEST POINT: 1.35 metrons from street surface to cavern ceiling
CLIMATE: The temperature is a constant 70 degrees, as the environment is artificially controlled utilizing the heat from magma deep beneath the planet's crust
POPULATION: Over 23,856,427 humanoids and an assortment of domesticated pets of various species
TALLEST BUILDING: Savage Skyscraper - 86 stories plus a mooring mast
POINTS OF INTEREST: (1) Station Square Hotel, (2) Shopping Mall, (3) Elerail System, (4) Mayor's Office, (5) Savage Skyscraper, (6) Police Station, (7) Power Plant, (8) President's Residence, (9) Bank of Station Square, (10) Gun Headquarters (on Prison Island)

HISTORY: Some time in pre-recorded history, there was a great catastrophe that engulfed the entire pre-Mobian world. Whether it was man-made or a natural occurrence is still unknown. Legend went on to record that the passengers of a large craft that soared through the skies crash-landed near a mountain located on one of the continents in the southern hemisphere.

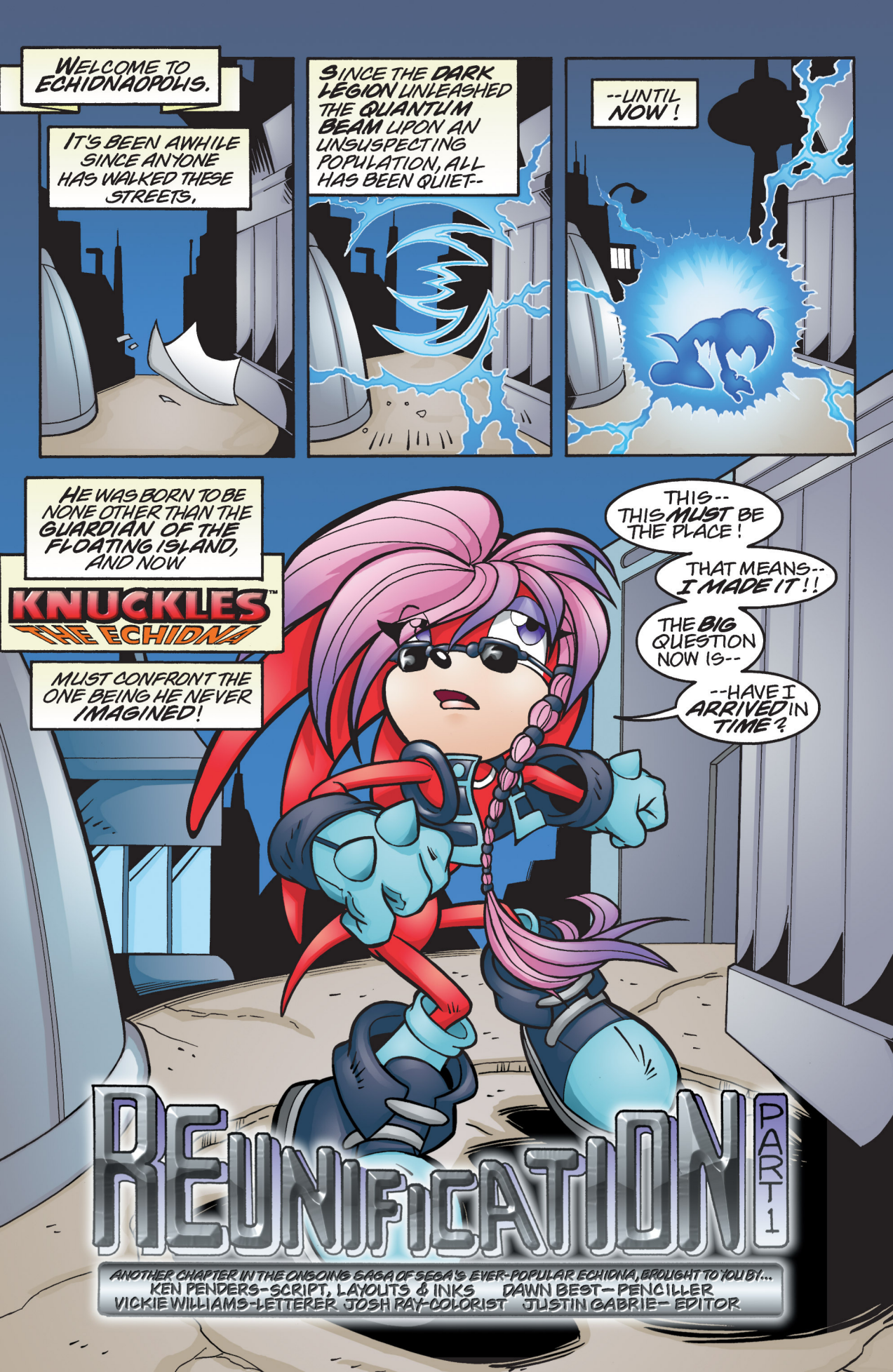
Separated from everyone and everything they once knew, the passengers traveled through an immense cavern that led deep beneath the mountains, finally descending into a hidden land located under the continent. It's widely believed that the caverns shielded the survivors from the worst of the catastrophe. In this new sanctuary, they began rebuilding their society piece by piece, starting with the basics such as planting farms and building shelters. Because of their advanced knowledge, they were able to create heavy machines in order to build tools, vehicles and bigger buildings to house their growing population.

Within the span of a few generations, what had once been a hamlet of farms was now an immense metropolis, teeming with life under an artifically-created environment. This environment included the illusion of a sky, time of day, weather conditions and a world beyond, a world of which the inhabitants of this city wanted no part of.

With the completion of the their largest building, the Savage Skyscraper, the city was rechristened Station Square, in part due to its elerail transit system that weaves its way through the city like a spider-web, providing transportation for the citizens from any point throughout to another.

Among the many other features of this world, are the beaches and harbors that are surrounded by a body of water that encircles the entire city with water passages to the oceans above. Beyond the bridges that take one to the other side of the water are Dragon Island, Prison Island, the Emerald Coast, and the Mystic Ruins, a site the original settlers discovered while exploring. It was there that they found the six Chaos Emeralds used to provide power for the city's needs.

Since the unexpected discovery of their city by outsiders, the citizens of Station Square have debated whether or not to have any further dealings with the outside world. Only time will tell.


WELCOME TO ECHIDNAOPOLIS.
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE ANYONE HAS WALKED THESE STREETS,
SINCE THE DARK LEGION UNLEASHED THE QUANTUM BEAM UPON AN UNSUSPECTING POPULATION, ALL HAS BEEN QUIET--
--UNTIL NOW!
HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, AND NOW
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
MUST CONFRONT THE ONE BEING HE NEVER IMAGINED!
THIS-- THIS MUST BE THE PLACE!
THAT MEANS-- I MADE IT!!
THE BIG QUESTION NOW IS--
--HAVE I ARRIVED IN TIME?
REUNIFICATION PART 1
ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ONGOING SAGA OF SEGA'S EVER-POPULAR ECHIDNA, BROUGHT TO YOU BY...
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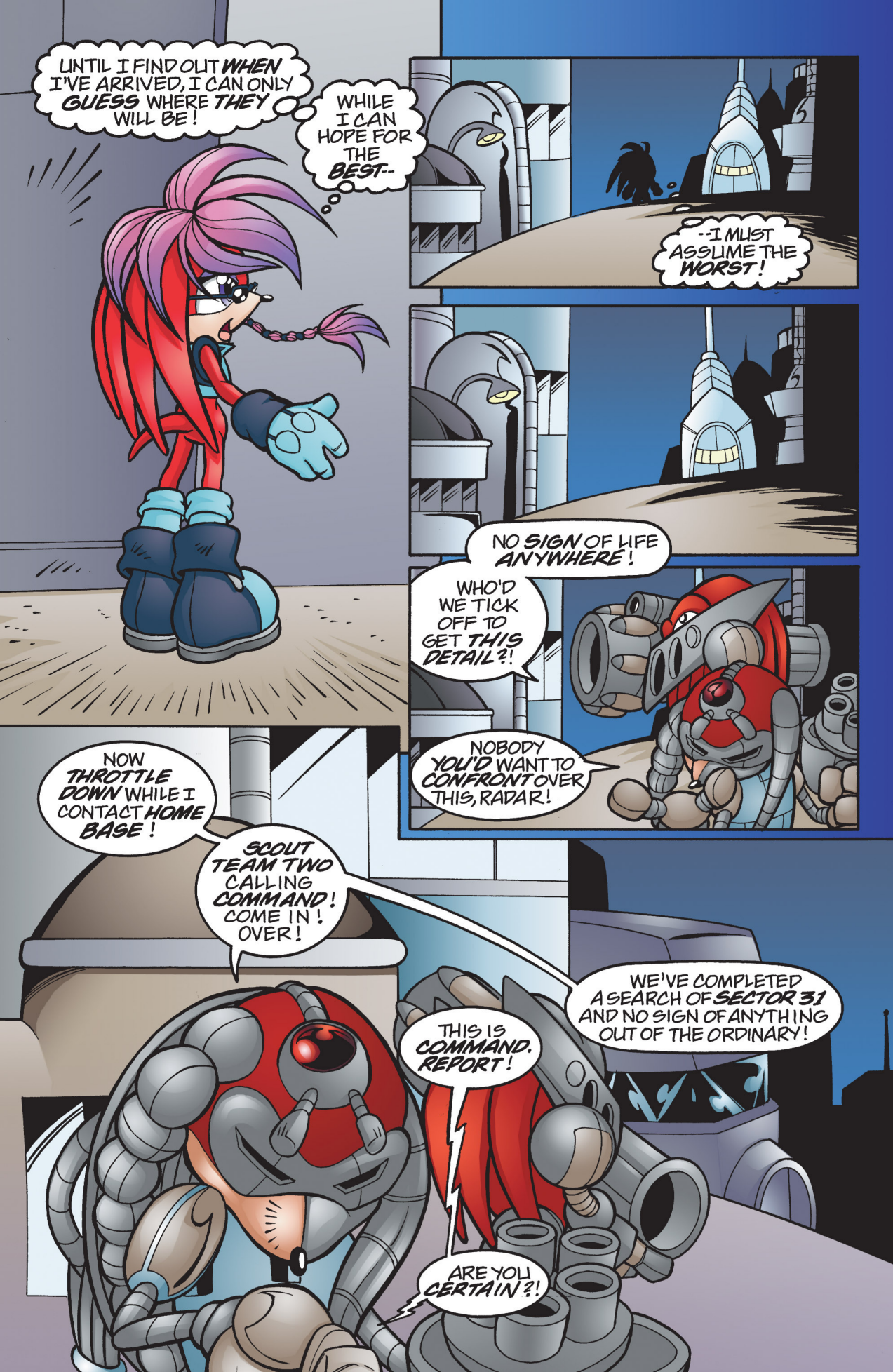
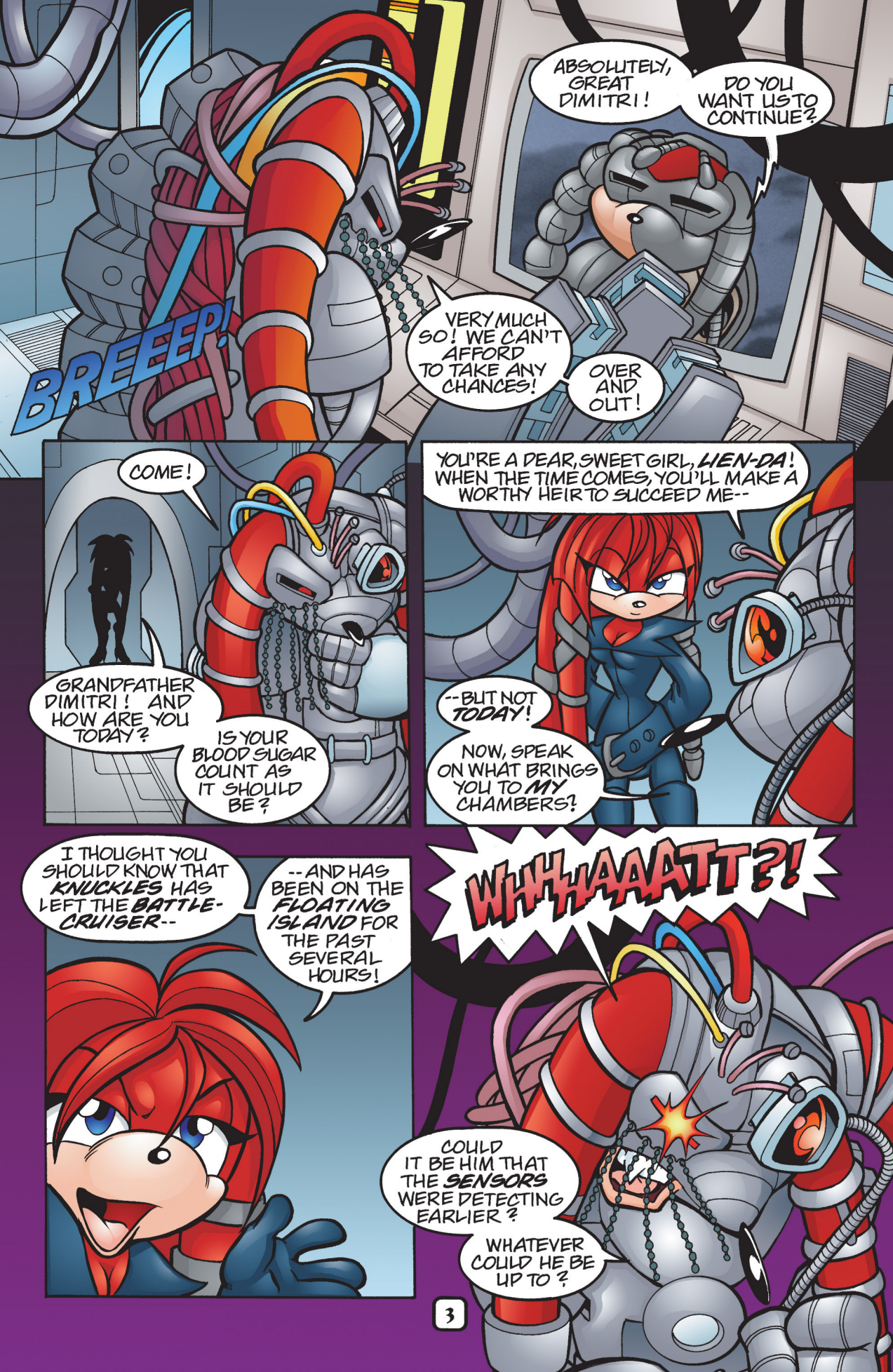
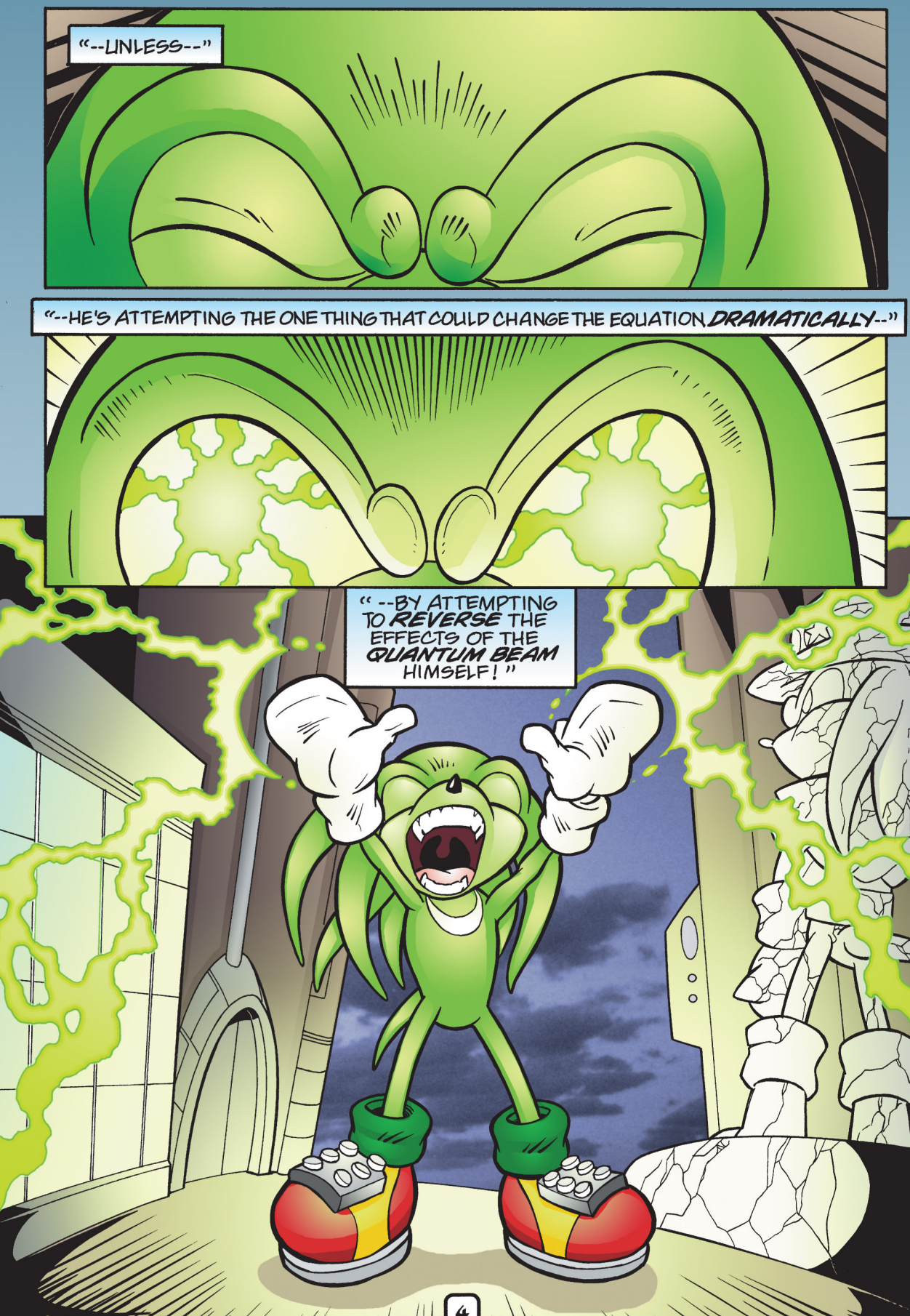
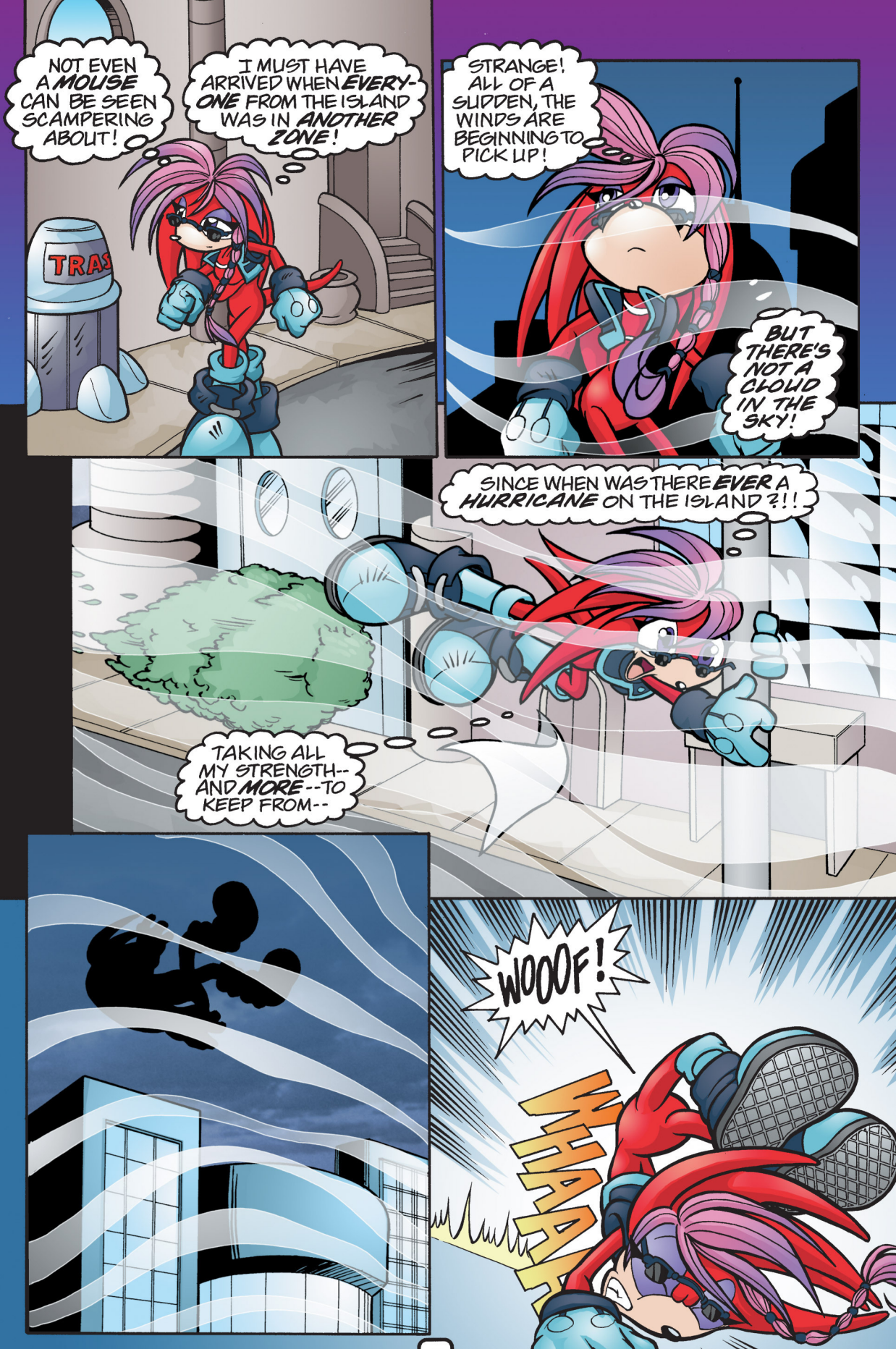
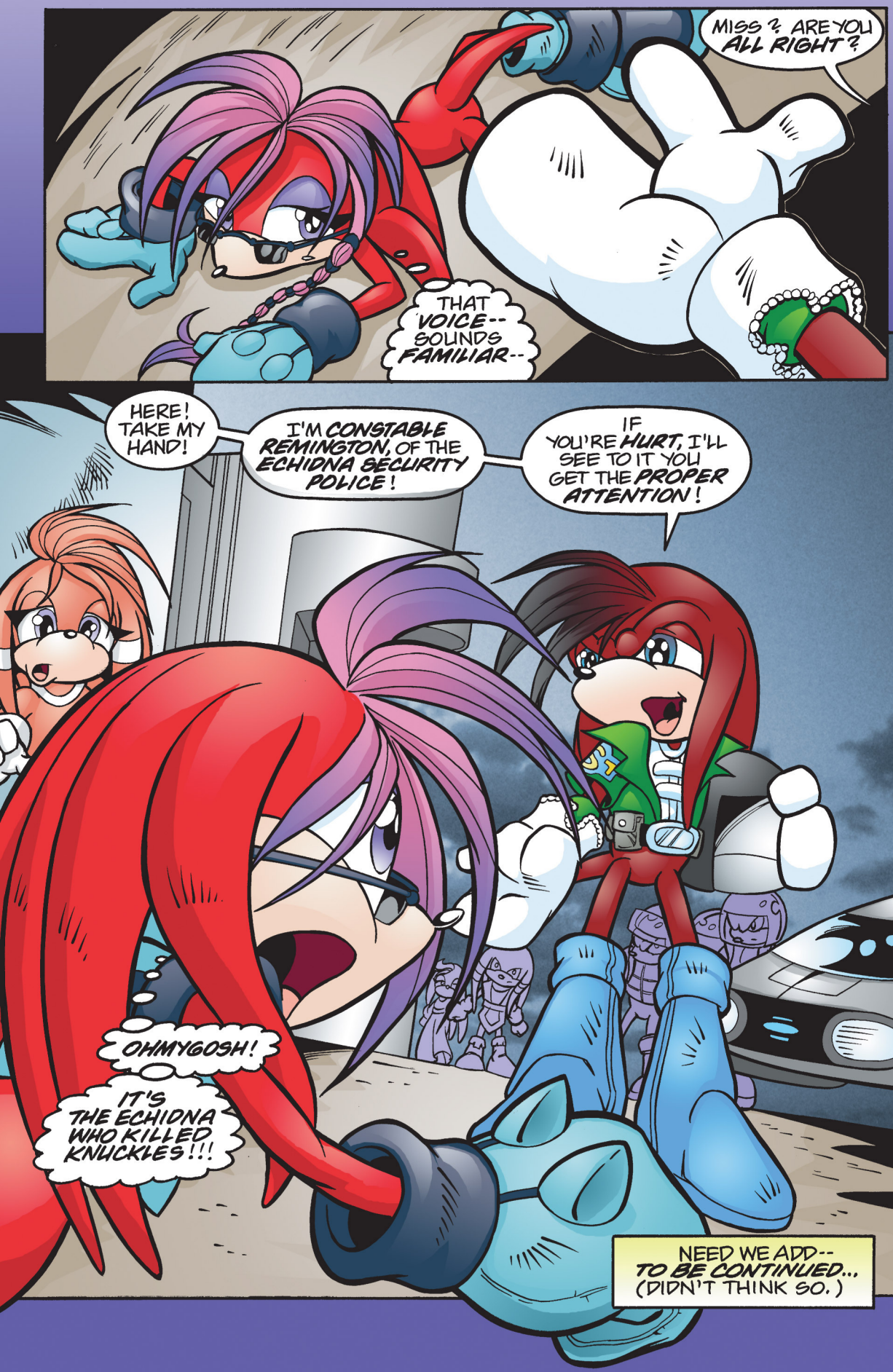

UNTIL I FIND OUT WHEN I'VE ARRIVED, I CAN ONLY GUESS WHERE THEY WILL BE!
WHILE I CAN HOPE FOR THE BEST--
--I MUST ASSUME THE WORST!
NO SIGN OF LIFE ANYWHERE!
WHO'D WE TICK OFF TO GET THIS DETAIL?!
NOBODY YOU'D WANT TO CONFRONT OVER THIS, RADAR!
NOW THROTTLE DOWN WHILE I CONTACT HOME BASE!
SCOUT TEAM TWO CALLING COMMAND! COME IN! OVER!
WE'VE COMPLETED A SEARCH OF SECTOR 31 AND NO SIGN OF ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY!
THIS IS COMMAND. REPORT!
ARE YOU CERTAIN?!


BREEEP!
ABSOLUTELY, GREAT DIMITRI!
DO YOU WANT US TO CONTINUE?
VERY MUCH SO! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!
OVER AND OUT!
COME!
GRANDFATHER DIMITRI! AND HOW ARE YOU TODAY?
IS YOUR BLOOD SUGAR COUNT AS IT SHOULD BE?
YOU'RE A DEAR, SWEET GIRL, LIEN-DA! WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU'LL MAKE A WORTHY HEIR TO SUCCEED ME--
--BUT NOT TODAY!
NOW, SPEAK ON WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MY CHAMBERS?
I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT KNUCKLES HAS LEFT THE BATTLE-CRUISER--
--AND HAS BEEN ON THE FLOATING ISLAND FOR THE PAST SEVERAL HOURS!
WHHHAAAATT?!
COULD IT BE HIM THAT THE SENSORS WERE DETECTING EARLIER?
WHATEVER COULD HE BE UP TO?


"--UNLESS--"
"--HE'S ATTEMPTING THE ONE THING THAT COULD CHANGE THE EQUATION *DRAMATICALLY*--"
" --BY ATTEMPTING TO *REVERSE* THE EFFECTS OF THE *QUANTUM BEAM* HIMSELF! "


NOT EVEN A MOUSE CAN BE SEEN SCAMPERING ABOUT!
I MUST HAVE ARRIVED WHEN EVERY-ONE FROM THE ISLAND WAS IN ANOTHER ZONE!
TRAS
STRANGE! ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE WINDS ARE BEGINNING TO PICK UP!
BUT THERE'S NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY!
SINCE WHEN WAS THERE EVER A HURRICANE ON THE ISLAND?!!
TAKING ALL MY STRENGTH-- AND MORE--TO KEEP FROM--
WOOOF!
WHAAA!


MISS?! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
THAT VOICE-- SOUNDS FAMILIAR--
HERE! TAKE MY HAND!
I'M CONSTABLE REMINGTON, OF THE ECHIDNA SECURITY POLICE!
IF YOU'RE HURT, I'LL SEE TO IT YOU GET THE PROPER ATTENTION!
OHMYGOSH!
IT'S THE ECHIDNA WHO KILLED KNUCKLES!!!
NEED WE ADD-- TO BE CONTINUED... (DIDN'T THINK SO.)